

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [01] with the following amended paragraph:

[01] This application is ~~related to and claims priority to~~ a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/976,927, filed October 11, 2001, which claims priority to provisional Applications Nos. 60/240,109 entitled Diffusion Barriers Comprising A Self-Assembled Monolayer naming G. Ramanath, Ahila Krishnamoorthy, Kaushik Chanda and Shyam P. Murarka as inventors and filed October 12, 2000 and 60/244,160 entitled Diffusion Barriers Comprising A Self-Assembled Monolayer naming G. Ramanath, Ahila Krishnamoorthy, Kaushik Chanda and Shyam P. Murarka as inventors and filed October 27, 2000. These applications are incorporated herein for all purposes as if set forth herein in full.